

P. melleum smooth
P. capillare hat
Cypripedium
Chen. antihellanth
Oct 14/90
Cypripedium

Dr. Geo. Engelmann

Gray. Punct.

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Dear Sir. Rec^d Sept 24th
Oct 16

Yours truly

Recd. Please accept thanks &
an apology for sending such
poor specimens. If you remember
the contents of my letter you
will also remember that I
made apology for sending as I
did, and had it not been as
you remarked, such very
common plants I should not
have done so.

I plainly make them out as
Chenopodium hybridum, *C. murale*,
C. urticum, & *C. Botrys*, according
to Gray & found only the hybridum
I cannot consider to be strong-seeded
and so I desired your judgement.
Could show you some very
neatly put up plants.
If your time is not too much



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occupied & would feel
very grateful to you for
a little assistance occasion-
ally; am much tempted to
send you a few grasses.
It seems to me the classifi-
cation is considerably mixed.
Will try and send you better
specimens. Will be much
obliged to you if you will send
me the names of useful works
such as would help me in
my studies, extensive works
either American or German
or English. Would like some
well illustrated works. If
possible inform me where they
can be procured. Of course I
have Grasses & Grasses Manuals
and other works. Within a few
months past I have obtained a
beautiful work of by Emms. Le Mao
& J. Decaisne translated by Hooker



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As I ~~am~~^{have} determined to trouble
you once more as above stated
desiring you to send me the
names of suitable works which
might assist me in the exami-
nation of the flora of this
Country, I could not resist the
temptation of sending a few
grasses which if you will take
the trouble to examine and
return named I will be much
obliged. You see Dr in my
student days I used to botanize
considerably but during active
life I had to suspend it
to a great extent, but of late I
have again taken up the study
with as much love as in
days of yore. The grasses
trouble me some, and if I
could have a little assistance
from an expert like yourself
I will be much obliged, but,
again, I will not be offended



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If you have no time to
trouble yourself with me.
The two *Panicums* I had in
my old collection marked
Agrostis scabra for the
rough hirsute plant, and the
smooth one "*A. perennans*" for
the glabrous. sub. tribe *Trichodium*;
a more accurate examination this
fall assures me that my plants
are *Panicums*, but I am
undecided as to species, the
glabrous plant, has orange colored
stamens, and the other, or hairy
plant, purple ^{stamens}. This would
correspond with Nos 9 & 10 as
described by ~~Wood~~ but there
are other difficulties in the
way so please decide for me
Both plants are very common
in cultivated fields, gardens &c.
Panicle at length very large
spreading & airy.
The *Erigeron* I send I have
marked on the papers
It will hardly be necessary for



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you to return the plants or
at least nothing but a mere
spring of each as you can
designate your decision so
that I will know

Again I am aware that the
plants I send are not in No. 1
order for examination but I
trust enough for ready
examination I include a little
on green slate purposely

Hoping to hear
from you soon I remain

Yours respectfully
L. E. Ehinger

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P.S. I must mention
that the specimens are put
up in a separate parcel
for which please look in
P. Office I put in one
Euphorbia heterophylla but
neither it nor *dentata* next to
it seems to answer very well
or exactly



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I also put in a *Cyperus*
which I have marked
Cyperus strigosus plant
quite variable sometimes but
a few inches high then again
1 1/2 to 2 feet high involueral
leaves sometimes 16-18 inches
long.

Please excuse this very
rambling very hastily written
letter and I do not intend
to bore you in this way
very often. ~~Hope~~
In one part of my letter
I speak of your returning
the plants but you need
not do so as you can
sufficiently designate them
per letter. Excuse me for adding
a *Chimpoedium* found yesterday not described
in Wood or Gray. Much branching thick stem some
of the main stem leaves are much larger
and rather undulate or repand dentate
though not very distinct. Plant 2 1/2 or 3
feet high. ~~Must~~ ^{now} ~~and~~ green as I have



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